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Selectmen Minutes 09-10-2001

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2001

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons - Chair, Mrs. Mahon - Vice Chairman, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd
 Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove, Mrs. Krepelka

The Chairman opened the meeting by offering flowers to congratulate Mrs. Krepelka on her new position as Board Administrator and to thank Ms. Cove for her years of service in that position.

Minutes of Meeting: August 27, 2001
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Undoing Racism

Request of the Chairman

The Chairman read a proclamation on undoing racism from the National League of Cities. Mr. Greeley moved to endorse the proclamation from the NLC, promoting race equality day on September 19, 2001. SO VOTED

The Chairman asked that the Town engage in a prolonged effort to promote race equality.

Report and Recommendations

Mugar Property

Kevin Knobloch, Chair of the Mugar Advisory Committee was present and updated the Board on recent developments. Mrs. Dias moved to fill a vacancy on the committee and that any interested residents of East Arlington should apply to the Office of the Board of Selectmen; she further moved that the present members of the committee and Selectman Hurd interview candidates. SO VOTED

The Chair requested that representatives of the Board attend the next Belmont Selectmens meeting; Mr. Lyons announced that he would like to attend with Mr. Knobloch. Mrs. Mahon informed the Board that she had been invited to a meeting with Representative Paulsen to discuss a proposed project in Belmont on the border of Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington; she also reported on a hydrology study of the area.

Mrs. Dias moved to invite Representative Paulsen and Representative Marzilli to the next meeting for an update on the development in Belmont.

Mr. Greeley moved that Mr. Lyons represent the Board at the meeting. SO VOTED

The Chairman requested that the Director of Planning and Community Development produce a short statement on what the Conservation Commission determined on this matter.

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 3 Acceptance of Legislation/Community Preservation Act

Clarissa Rowe of Brantwood Road introduced others working with her on the study of this legislation. She indicated that the group would only be reporting at Town Meeting and that action was not necessary at this time. Mr. Hurd moved no action and also

that the group report at Town Meeting. SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment Board of Selectmen Designee

To study by-law governing New tracks

The Chairman requested that this matter be tabled.

Appointment - New Election Worker

Christine Katsulis, 11 Marathon St., Pct. 3, D

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Mary Caggiano of 672 Summer Street, was present with questions regarding the funding of Summer Street. The Chairman reviewed the funding process and expressed his confidence in Senator Havern.

For Final Approval: RCN Cable License

Tom Steele, Vice President and Regulatory Counsel was present on behalf of RCN. Mr. Greeley moved approval of the final approval of the license. SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon moved to strike the provision (Section 3.16) relative to polling. SO VOTED

Request to Organize "Run of the Mystics" 5 Mile Run/Walk, 10/20/01

Fred Whitney, Arlington Sportsman's Club

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Non-Premise Wholesale Dealer License

Jack Ciulla, 1322 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Dias requested a written policy and guidelines outlining why the Town should issue such licenses and further that there be a moratorium on such licenses until said policy is drafted.

SO VOTED

All Alcoholic Restaurant License/Change of Manager

Old Arlington Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jimmy's Steer House, 1111 Mass. Ave., Jeffrey E. Nash, Manager

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Paving Contractor

Anastacio Valentine, Valentine Paving Hot Top, 106 Quincy St., Dorchester

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval: Request for Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Elizabeth McGaffigan Letter of appreciation

Shawn Nevalainen Magnolia St. parking concerns
10 Magnolia St. 2

Ann Marie Casey Oak Hill Drive speeding traffic concerns
31 Oak Hill Drive

Mr. Hurd moved to refer the matter to the Transportation Advisory Committee. SO VOTED

William & Patricia Letter of appreciation
Cutroni, Jr.

142 Ridge St.

Timothy Murnane Renew al License Community Television Council
AT&T Broadband

Judi Zalles Letter of appreciation
46 Harlow St.

William Galvin Approval for re-dividing 21 precincts
Bradley Jones
Jason Queenin

Joseph Nolan Power outages
NStar

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED

Elsie Fiore, 58 Mott Street, applauded the Board's efforts to be involved in preserving the Mugar Property. Ms. Fiore also had several questions and concerns about the hotel project in East Arlington; she was referred to the Town Manager.

Shaw n Navalainen, 10 Magnolia Street had several concerns about traffic and parking in town. Mr. Hurd moved to refer his comments to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a response by January 1st. SO VOTED

Taxi Cab Rate Increase

Arlington Taxi Owners and Operators

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the new rate of \$2.80 per mile, \$1.60 drop, and \$22.00 per hour.

SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley also requested that the Manager direct the Planning Department to examine the number of taxi stands in Town to consider adding new ones in front of the new hotel and in front of stop and shop.

Livery License

Thomas Whelan, Arlington Veteran's Taxi, 62 Margaret St.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table the matter. SO VOTED

Livery License

Lida Armstrong, 12 Brattle Court

Mr. Hurd moved to table the matter. SO VOTED

Livery License

Joseph Quinn, A and C Livery Service Inc., 11 Pelham Terrace

Mrs. Dias moved to table the matter. SO VOTED

Town Counsel reported that liveries can be used to do telephone work, in direct competition with a taxi. Mr. Maher recommended a change in the language. Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd moved to impose a moratorium on such licenses until a policy is set. SO VOTED

Town Day Update: Rene Tsoukalas, Chair

Ms. Tsoukalas gave an overview of the events for the weekend. She thanked Cambridge Savings Bank for sponsoring the event.

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action under Article 5 of the Warrant regarding the Hardy School.

SO VOTED

Article 4 Arlington Housing Authority/Low Income Housing Projects

Attorney Bernie Ortwein was present to present the argument of the Arlington Housing Authority. The Board discussed extensively the impact of favorable action under the article.

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action. (3-2) SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley and Mr. Lyons voted in the negative.

New Business

Ms. Cove thanked the Board for the positive work experience and enjoyment she had in being Board Administrator for over five years.

The Board made scheduling changes to the October meetings. They cancelled the October 15th meeting, and will now meet on October 1st and October 29th.

Mr. Maher informed the Board that he would update the Board on the Symmes property in executive session at their next meeting.

The Manager informed the Board that he would not be present at the next meeting.

Mr. Greeley offered kind comments to Ms. Cove and Mrs. Krepelka and complimented the police promotional ceremony held in the auditorium.

Mrs. Mahon expressed her desire to have a joint meeting with the School Committee. She also informed the Board that representatives of Local 369 will be present at the next meeting. She also offered kind comments to Ms. Cove and Mrs. Krepelka.

Mrs. Dias requested an update on the requests of the Harlow Street residents to Nstar. She requested that the Board receive a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Hurd requested that the Manager look into issues on Lorne Road, Wilson Avenue, and Newcomb Avenue. Mr. Hurd also expressed that they would be moving forward with purchasing holiday lighting in East Arlington.

The members of the Board expressed their thanks to Ms. Cove and wished her well in her new position as Director of Personnel. The Board welcomed Mrs. Krepelka who is moving from the Building Department to the Selectmen's Office as Ms. Cove's replacement.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.